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# The Brewing Summit 2014 Chicago, Illinois

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## Attending the ASBC & MBAA Brewing Summit 2014 (June 4-7) Chicago, Illinois, USA?

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The University will be well represented at the Summit with staff and students delivering both oral and poster presentations.

To fuel your thirst for the Brewing Summit, here's a taste of what you can expect from some of the University of Nottingham Brewing Science team....

### Joanne investigates bubbles and beyond.....



Professor Joanne Hort will be presenting her paper entitled:

Beyond bubbles: the contribution of carbonation to flavour perception in beer and variation in individual response

Contributing authors: Joanne Hort, Rebecca Clark and Sue Francis

This presentation links two studies: one investigating the impact of carbonation on flavour perception and a brain imaging (functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI)) study exploring variation in response to carbonation across individuals.

The combined results of these studies not only highlight the impact that changes in carbonation can have on the whole sensory profile of a beer but that perception of these differences varies across different phenotypes and may well lead to considerable variation in beer acceptability. Further research is now needed to evaluate the effect of carbonation on sensory perception and acceptability across different phenotypes across beer consumers.

#### Chris stresses his yeast at high gravity .....



Dr Chris Powell will be giving an oral presentation entitled:

The relationship between very high gravity fermentations, yeast stress and key performance indicators

Contributing authors: Seven Zhuang, Alex Mott, Katherine Smart (SAB Miller) and Chris Powell

During the talk, Chris will provide an insight into some of the challenges faced by yeast in fermenting worts of particularly high sugar concentration. In particular, the presentation will describe the relationship between VHG fermentations, carbon flux and ethanol yield. In addition cellular redox potential will be discussed, focusing on cellular damage caused by the production of Reactive Oxygen Species, and the antioxidant response of cells.

### Chris has designs on FVs and CTS.....



Professor Chris Boulton will also be giving an oral presentation entitled:

#### Improved design and operation of cylindroconical fermentation vessels

Current and likely future trends in modern fermentation practise are reviewed. The pitfalls which may be encountered in the management of very large capacity fermentation vessels are discussed together with descriptions and supporting evidence as to how these same potential problems can be viewed as opportunities which if exploited appropriately provide means

of manipulating fermentation outcomes to give both consistent cycle times and beer volatile profiles.

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#### Curtis finds beer flavour an emotive subject...



Curtis Eaton, a PhD student in Professor Joanne Hort's group will also be giving an oral presentation on his work entitled:

#### Comparing emotional response to sensory properties of beer between the UK and Spain

Contributing authors: Curtiss Eaton, Carolina Chaya (Technical University of Madrid), Rocío Fernández Vázquez (University of Seville), Virginia Fernández-Ruiz (Complutense University of Madrid, Katherine Smart (SABMiller plc.) and Joanne Hort (The University of Nottingham)

This study investigated emotional response differences between cultures in response to eight selected sensory properties of beer. Focus groups of beer consumers in the UK and Spain generated words to describe their emotional response to the chosen samples and used these terms to rate the beers. Linguistic checks and cluster analyses of the responses were used to group terms into emotion categories. Nine emotion categories were defined in the UK and 12 in Spain. These emotion categories were then used by over 100 consumers in each country to assess the selected samples. Using this data, this presentation discusses the need to understand variation in emotional response across cultures in the context of global products.

#### Calum investigates steam injection technology.....



Calum Holmes, a PhD student with Dr. David Cook's group, will be presenting a poster on:

The impacts of steam injection technology on volatile formation and stripping during wort boiling

Contributing authors: Calum Holmes, Weibke Hense (Diageo), Dan Donnelly (DanDonnellyTek) and David Cook

Recent increases in the price of fossil fuels have necessitated the development of novel and energy-efficient technologies for the brewing industry. Here, one such technology, the Pursuit Dynamics (PDX) wort heater, was evaluated in full-scale brewing trials against an external wort boiling system, to determine potential impacts on key quality attributes of wort and finished beers. The PDX wort heater injects culinary grade steam into the wort flow, creating a multiphase flow and a claimed increase in energy transfer efficiency.

#### Jörg gets in a spin with gallotanins.....



Jörg Maxminer, another PhD student with Dr. David Cook's group, will be giving an oral presentation entitled:

# A comparison of electron spin resonance (ESR) spectroscopy with other staling indices to assess the impacts of brewhouse gallotannin addition on beer flavour stability

Contributing Authors: Jörg Maxminer, Rod White (Molson Coors plc), Jonathan McMaster, David J. Cook

Gallotannins are known to act as metal-chelating agents and their metal complexing properties can lead to a prevention of the Fenton reaction, which plays an important role in the formation of radical oxygen species. Furthermore, there is some evidence that gallotannins can act as reducing agents and radical scavengers. In the present trials, the effect of a brewhouse addition of gallotannins on the flavour stability of a lager-style beer was investigated. The effects of the different additions of gallotanins were monitored at key points of the production process and through to the final beer. Analyses included the measurement of antioxidant capacity via ESR spectroscopy; staling aldehydes via solid phase micro extraction (SPME)-GC-MS with on fibre derivatization; thiobarbituric acid index (TBI); metal ion content via inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS); sulphur dioxide via distillation; and sensory analysis.



We hope this has whetted your appetite for brewing science at the University of Nottingham....

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